

MEMORANDUM FOR: CIA Career Council

SUBJECT: Emergency Travel Insurance

1. In early October, 1956, the Department of State circulated a notice to all of its overseas installations inquiring whether there was interest in a plan of insurance which would defray travel costs of employees required to return to the United States, principally, in the event of serious illness or death of dependents, members of family, or other named persons. There was a most favorable response from diplomatic personnel. During this time, the Executive Officer of the Office of Personnel was on a temporary duty status in the WE, EE and SE areas. He inquired of our people as to their interest in such a plan and found equally enthusiastic response. At this point, it should be stated that the original brochure issued by State contemplated rates of \$10, \$15 or \$20 per year, depending upon the number of persons listed as being close enough to the employee as to make temporary return travel desired.

2. Following the Department of State's world-wide census, a firm proposal has been drawn up by the [REDACTED] offering a plan to any and all takers in State, USIA and ICA. The same proposal has been formally offered to this Agency, as evidenced by the attachments.

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3. While the rates of the current proposal are greatly in excess of the initial proposal which was discussed with CIA and Department of State personnel overseas, it is my recommendation that the Agency make the proposal available to all its personnel stationed overseas. The Benefits and Casualty Division of the Office of Personnel is prepared to administer the plan for the Agency. In this regard, I would like to point out that policyholders will not be identified to the insurance company and the Agency will be permitted to settle all claims in the same manner as claims for hospitalization and surgical insurance are now handled.

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